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Bangalore Mirror wishes you a very happy Deepavali

Our offices and press will remain closed on Wednesday on account of Deepavali. So you'll miss seeing us at your doorstep on Thursday, October 23. Log on to **www.bangaloremirror.com** or follow @BangaloreMirror on X for all the buzz about Bengaluru and beyond

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Meet historian, who has reached into the past and fetched stories of Bengaluru, to share them with us on his podcast

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Increased drug trafficking networks and local consumption patterns have fuelled narcotics cases in Bengaluru to a 52% spike in 2025 as compared to 2024 when a dip in cases was recorded

AT END OF THE ROPE WITH DOPE

Police set to intensify efforts in both B'luru Urban and Rural

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Bengaluru has experienced a 52% surge in cases related to the sale and consumption of narcotic substances, according to recent government records. The data, compiled under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, highlights growing illegal activity involving opium, ganja, and other controlled substances in both urban and rural districts of Bengaluru. Authorities have attributed the rise to increased drug trafficking networks and local consumption patterns, prompting intensified monitoring and enforcement.

According to data presented in the Legislative Assembly recently, in the Bengaluru Urban district, cases of drug sale and consumption show significant fluctuations over the past three years. In 2023, 700 cases of narcotic sale were recorded,

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"In the first half of 2025, 25 sale cases and 83 consumption cases, represent a 19% increase in trafficking and a 176% increase in consumption-related offences as compared to 2024
— Data presented in Assembly

Revive, destroy, repeat

KR Puram residents say crores of rupees spent to restore all lakes in their area, but sewage inflow, encroachment, fencing troubles persist

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Several lakes in the KR Puram assembly constituency are in a poor state despite crores of rupees spent on their development under BBMP grants. Residents say most of these lakes continue to stink and remain polluted as untreated sewage water continues to flow into them through the rajakaluves (stormwater drains). Many lakes are also suffering from encroachments, incomplete fencing, and poor maintenance.

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Residents and lake activists from the area have raised repeated complaints with local authorities, but little has been done to restore these lakes. They have now written to the Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar.

In the letter, they pointed out that Seegehalli Lake, for instance, was developed at a cost of nearly Rs 12 crore, but the lake

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THINGS TO DO

01 Have a laugh

After a massive world tour, Samay Raina is back to his homeground, with a brand new show, ready to take the audience on a laughter-filled journey. **Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Shanthala Nagar; When: November 21, 4 pm**

02 Theatre magic

The Auroville Theatre Group is presenting 'Call me Devika', a play about Devika Rani, who co-founded Bombay Talkies, one of India's earliest film studios. The play is the first in a longer series exploring the legacies of forgotten women who shaped history in invisible ways. **Where: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield; When: October 31, 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm**

03 Vocal point

Known for his powerful and heartfelt voice, Kailash Kher will be performing live in a show full of emotion, passion and pure artistry. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield; When: November 1, 7.30 pm**

04 Celebrating artistry

Experience a vibrant celebration of India's handloom heritage at 'The Grand Rajasthani Exhibition', which brings together master weavers and skilled artisans from across the country. **Where: Sri Someshwara Sabha Bhavana, JP Nagar; When: Until October 22, 10.30 am to 8 pm onwards**

05 Kidding around

Kukdukoo Children's Festival is bringing a weekend of fun, laughter and magic, packed with spectacular activities for children and parents. **Where: Oakridge International School, Dommasandra; When: November 29 and 30, 10.45 am**

Cyber Vidhi Sangam 2025 to address challenges in cyber space

Cyber Vidhi Sangam 2025 will bring together experts from law, technology, and governance to discuss current issues in the digital space. The conclave, organised by the NLSIU's PGD in Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics (PGDCLCF) alumni, will be held on October 24, 2025, at the Bangalore International Centre. The event aims to create a platform for discussion on the intersection of law, cybersecurity, and governance. Participants will examine gaps in existing regulations, the growing impact of cybercrime, and the need for cooperation among legal experts, policymakers, and industry professionals.

Sessions will focus on topics such as privacy in business, emerging cyber threats, and the evolving role of artificial intelligence in security. Speakers include Dr Nigam Nuggehalli, Registrar and Professor of Law at NLSIU, Dr A Nagarathna, Associate Professor at NLSIU, and Supreme Court advocate Shloka Narayanan. Industry professionals such as Rahul Sasi, Sandeep Akkimolla, and Anuj Bhansali will contribute perspectives from corporate and technical backgrounds. The conclave will also feature discussions on building frameworks that support innovation while maintaining data protection and user trust. **— BMB**

A journey through B'luru's history, story by story

Storyteller explores city's hidden tales through his podcast, aiming to comprehensively present its rich, ancient past with accuracy by using historical records and accounts

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A podcast series titled 'The History of Bangalore' explores lesser-known milestones from Bengaluru's past, including the adoption of Sunday as a holiday, the city's first telephone line, the planning of Cubbon Park, early photographers, and the evolution of iconic locations like Brigade Road.

Created and hosted by Ramjee Chandran, the podcast takes listeners through the city's journey from 350 AD to the present day. From the early Kadamba and Ganga dynasties to powerful kings, princely states, the British Raj, and finally Indian independence, Chandran brings alive the events and people who shaped Bengaluru. A master storyteller with a focus on South India's history, he shares these narratives on Spotify, Instagram, and YouTube, making the city's past accessible and engaging for everyone. Apple Podcasts has named 'The History of Bangalore' series among its 'Best of 2025' selections.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, he revealed what inspired him to start the podcast series. "I've been a city chronicler (through my magazines) for over three decades. Over the years, I discovered that not only does the city have a rich, ancient, and deep history, but it has never been told comprehensively. In the absence of researched, accessible history, legends, rumours, and fantastic tales circulate. I decided to do something about this," said Chandran.

When asked how he goes about collecting and verifying historical sources, he said, "The History of Bangalore podcast covers the political history of the Bengaluru region and includes the dynasties that had anything to do with it, directly or through their vassals. The history I'm writing (in the book) goes back centuries earlier." He said that research, between the late 19th century and the early 20th, includes many primary sources that are in epigraphical records, antiquarian journals, and, from the colonial period, gazettes. "Then there are secondary sources—books, both in English and Kannada. All of these are astonishing sources. I spend the whole day either writing or with my nose buried in these tomes," he said.

Several dynasties such as the Kadambas, Gangas, Chalukyas, Rashtrakutas, Cholas, and Hoysalas are covered. Starting from the 4th century, Chandran has now reached the 16th century. At present, he is working on the Vijayanagara period.

Podcast documents Bengaluru's little-known stories

Podcast showcases Bengaluru's journey from 350 AD to present day, making its past accessible and engaging for everyone

Speaking about interesting discoveries made while tracing the stories of the city, he said almost every piece of information he has discovered is fascinating, and he shares as much as he can on his podcast and Instagram page. "I will, however, mention two very surprising facts: one is how international and cosmopolitan society was even in the early centuries. And there's a story about Cleopatra, but you'll have to wait for my book to find out more," he said.

Researching Bengaluru's history is no easy task, especially since some records are scarce or fragmented. But Chandran is committed to presenting an accurate account. "We Indians seem to build very low walls between fact and fiction. Ancient inscription writers didn't seem to let honest truth get in the way of a good story. But they often left clues in the gaps," he said, adding that he is in awe of how historians and scholars managed to squeeze a respectable amount of history from these records. "To them, we owe much gratitude," he said.

Looking ahead, Chandran said that after finishing writing the book 'The History of Bangalore', he will take another year to complete the third season of the podcast. "After that, I have several more histories that need to be told. All of them will be about Bengaluru and Karnataka, as far as I can plan. There's so much history here," he said.

City's first photographer
In 1865, Major Henry Dixon, who was serving with the 22nd Regiment of the Native Madras Infantry in the Bangalore Cantonment, photographed around 150 stone inscriptions. This effort sparked the famous study of the city's early history by Benjamin Lewis Rice. It is likely that he was Bengaluru's very first photographer.

Bengaluru's first shopping complex
The earliest known shopping complex or mall in the city dates back to the 1920s and was called Campbell's, located at 7 Brigade Road. It housed a variety of shops, including those selling tiles, door handles, fashion, and footwear.

Source: The History of Bangalore

Cracker injuries rise amidst Deepavali celebrations

The number of firecracker-related injuries continued to rise in Bengaluru as Deepavali celebrations entered their second day. Sankara Eye Hospital reported four new cases between 9 am and 7 pm on Monday, adding to the 13 cases treated the previous night. According to hospital records, all four patients were treated on an outpatient basis. Among them were three adults — two men and one woman — and one child. The majority of the injuries were caused by common firecrackers such as bijli, atom bombs, and flower pots. One of the injured was hurt while bursting crackers, while three others were bystanders caught in the mishaps. Meanwhile, Minto Ophthalmic Hospital treated 13 people for similar injuries — 11 men and two women. Among them were five children and eight adults. Most sustained minor burns or eye irritation, though one person required suturing for an eyebrow wound. Doctors have urged the public to exercise caution while bursting crackers, especially around children and crowded areas, to prevent further accidents during the festive week. **— BMB**

Lit with joy Bengaluru burst into joy as families celebrated Deepavali, filling the day with laughter, tradition, and lights

5 arrested for robbing delivery agent

A gang of five members including a juvenile was arrested by Bellandur police in connection with a robbery case reported in September. The accused were apprehended near Kodathi Gate on October 16, and valuables worth ₹6 lakh, including nine mobile phones and three two-wheelers, were recovered from them.

The case was registered based on a complaint filed by a food delivery executive. The complainant stated that around 11.30 pm, while delivering food from a hotel near Wipro Gate on Sarjapur Main Road to an apartment in Siddhapura, six unidentified men on three bikes intercepted him, assaulted him, and fled with his mobile phone. Police traced and arrested the accused, who hail from Nepal and were working as security guards and housekeeping staff in the city. **BMB**

Man alleges assault at hands of wife, aides

A 36-year-old man, Mohammed Yusuf, has filed a complaint alleging that he was assaulted by his wife, her foster mother, and four accomplices inside his workplace in the early hours of September 29.

According to the complaint, Yusuf, who works at a travel agency on Asmin Road, had stayed overnight at his office to avoid conflict at home. Between 3.30 am and 4 am, his wife Ayesha, her foster mother Nagina, and four unidentified Assamese men allegedly entered his office and attacked him. Yusuf claimed that he was beaten with hands and wooden sticks, and that the group also vandalised office property. When he tried to escape, they reportedly caught him in the corridor and continued the assault. He later sought medical treatment. **BMB**

Doc in dock for alleged molestation of patient

The Ashoknagar police have arrested a dermatologist, Dr Praveen, on charges of sexually harassing a 21-year-old woman who had come to his clinic in Austin Town for treatment.

According to the police, the accused was taken into custody. The woman alleged that the incident took place on October 18 at around 7.30 pm when she visited the doctor for a skin infection consultation.

In the complaint, the victim stated that Dr. Praveen misbehaved with her under the pretext of examining her. He allegedly touched her inappropriately, kissed her, and took advantage of being alone despite her resisting his actions. The doctor has denied the allegations, claiming that the complainant misunderstood his actions. **BMB**

BM Finance Fundas

About 85 per cent of the digital payment transactions take place through UPI in India. The country can be a case study in inclusive, secure, and scalable Digital Public Platforms (DPPs)
—Sanjay Malhotra, Reserve Bank Governor

Which home loan interest rate should you opt for?

Home loans are powerful financial tools that help borrowers fulfil their dreams of owning property, be it for long-term security, passive income, or portfolio diversification. However, most borrowers are often confused about their loan structure - particularly the interest rate regime, the choice of which can significantly impact their finances, even with all the advantages they offer.

The rate regime advantage

Consider the example of two friends, Ajay and Vijay (not real persons) who both took Rs 40 lakh home loans for 20 years on 1st July 2019. Ajay, preferring predictability, opted for a fixed rate at 10.05%. A fixed rate of interest on home loans typically comes with a 1-2% higher interest rate than their floating rate versions.

However, Vijay, comfortable with interest rate fluctuations, chose an MCLR-linked floating rate at 8.75%, and later switched to the repo rate-linked EBLR implemented in October 2019.

Fast forward to 2025, and the difference in their total outgo over the 6.25 years shows a stark difference of over Rs 3 Lakh. Keep reading to find out what changed since then and what you can do to ensure you don't end up paying more on your EMIs than you need to.

Fixed vs floating rate: Which is better for home loan?

There are two main interest rate options for home loans:

1. Fixed Rate: The interest rate is set when the loan is sanctioned and it remains fixed throughout the tenure of the loan. The Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) remain constant throughout the loan tenure.

2. Floating Rate: This is linked to a benchmark rate, over which the bank adds its own spread and credit risk premium based on the borrower's profile.

The benchmark can be set internally or externally, and any changes to it resets the borrowing cost and typically results in changes in EMI or the tenure of the loan.

3. A hybrid option also exists, where the loan starts with a fixed rate for the first few years before switching to a floating rate.

The Heavy Cost of Fixed Rates

Many people go for fixed rate home loans thinking that home loan has long years of repayments and there could be a chance that lending interest rate may go up in future and they will be better off paying a lower fixed rate. However, they fail to consider that they start with a disadvantage of 1-2% higher interest rate and on many occasions, the interest rate cycle reverses before the floating rate goes above the fixed rate. This was clearly evident from the last 5 years' data.

Since the implementation of EBLR in October 2019, despite rate hikes from May 2022 to February 2023, floating interest rates have benefited borrowers significantly. The flexibility to benefit from rate cuts—particularly during the pandemic period and in 2025—resulted in substantial savings for floating rate borrowers.

Even a hybrid loan with fixed rate in the initial few years can prove to be a costly loan if interest rates start falling just after you take out a loan. "Even in those cases (hybrid loan), the borrower would end up paying a higher amount for the first few years, incurring a higher cost of credit than the floating type.

Floating interest rates are directly linked to External Benchmark Lending Rates (EBLR), such as the repo rate. The home loan interest rates change every time the EBLR is impacted," says Ratan Chaudhary, Head of Home Loans, Paisabazaar.

What is your switching option and should you switch your home loan to EBLR?

If you are still stuck with the fixed rate home loan regime, then you have the option to switch to a floating interest rate regime.

The RBI has mandated that banks offer borrowers an option to switch between floating and fixed rates. However, conversion fees typically range from 0.50% to 2% of the total home loan amount. **ET Online**

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Shoddy work exposed as footpath crumbles within years of restoration

Citizens fume as Annaswamy Mudaliar Road footpath comes apart; action urged against those behind poor construction, negligent supervision, reckless public spending

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Left: Incomplete work on Narayan Pillai Street; Above: The condition of the footpath along Anna Swamy Mudaliar Road

Locals are outraged after a recently developed footpath began to collapse just years after completion. They blame poor construction quality and official apathy, demanding strict action against those responsible

Residents and pedestrians were taken aback to find a damaged stretch of footpath on Anna Swamy Mudaliar Road. Their surprise stemmed from the fact that both the road and its footpath had been developed only a few years ago at a cost of several crores of rupees. They alleged that poor-quality construction and the indifference of the then BBMP Executive Engineer (Major Roads) were primarily responsible for the current state of disrepair.

"It is quite disgusting to come across the poor condition of the footpath that was developed a few years ago. I complained to the Executive Engineer, but in vain. The engineer is shifting the blame to the contractor. I want the Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) authorities to take suitable action against those responsible for the poor condition of the road and the footpath," said V Purushotham, a resident.

Expressing a similar opinion, Sekhar C, a resident, said some of the pavers were missing from the footpath. "A portion of the footpath has sunk, thus posing a danger to pedestrians. I have never come across the contractor or BCCC engineers attending to the problem in the recent past. I appeal to the authorities to fix the issue for the benefit of pedestrians," said Sekhar.

Demanding that the BCCC authorities act tough against the engineer for being apathetic, a resident, on condition of anonymity, said that it had become a habit for the BCCC engineers to be negligent. "The problem with the BCCC engineer is that he or she has no time to supervise or inspect developmental works," the resident said.

However, the BCCC Executive Engineer was not available for comment. The condition of Narayan Pillai Street in Shivajinagar is different from that of Anna Swamy Mudaliar Road. Though the white-topping work on Narayan Pillai Street has been completed, the footpaths are yet to be developed, causing a lot of problems for residents, business owners, pedestrians, and motorists.

"The white-topping work was completed more than a year ago, but the footpaths are yet to be developed. The white-topping on Narayan Pillai Street was taken up in two phases. The first phase of the work was completed a year ago and the second phase around 40 days ago, but the development of the footpaths has yet to be taken up," said Maria, a social activist.

Demanding that the authorities complete the development of the footpaths as early as possible, a business owner, on condition of anonymity, said the delay in completing the road and footpath works caused a lot of inconvenience to pedestrians and business people. Meanwhile, Praveen K, an engineer engaged by the contractor, said the laying of water pipes had already begun and the work would be completed within a few weeks. "We will take up the development of the footpaths shortly," the engineer said.

Cloth & paper bags at this year's Kadlekai Parishe too

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Over 320 students and multiple NGOs join forces to craft thousands of reusable bags. Plogging, awareness drives, and upcycling initiatives aim to make this year's festival greener, urging every visitor to carry their own bag

Building on the success of previous years, the Zero Waste Collective is once again leading the city's sustainability efforts for this year's Kadalekayi Parishe, the groundnut fair held in Basavanagudi. The group is continuing its "BYOB – Bring Your Own Bag" campaign, urging visitors to carry their own cloth bags to reduce plastic waste at the event. To further support the initiative, paper and cloth bags are being made by citizen groups and educational institutions across the city. While paper bags will be distributed to vendors free of charge, cloth bags will be sold at a nominal rate.

"Parishege banni, Kai cheela thanni will remain our motto this year too. We've already partnered with over ten educational institutions and several major citizen groups in the city to make this year's Parishe more sustainable," said Plog Raj, a volunteer with the Zero Waste Collective. The collective has planned three key activities leading up to the Parishe: paper bag–making drives through colleges; pre-loved clothes being upcycled into cloth bags; and awareness campaigns via social media and radio. The paper bag activity has already begun in several institutions, including BMS College (Yelahanka), New Horizon College, and HSR Citizens Forum, with more drives scheduled at the Dayanand Group of Colleges in the coming days.

Dhruv, a former student of BMS College of Engineering and a volunteer, said, "Last year, we made 150,000 paper bags. We seized 267 kg of plastic, which included material confiscated by marshals and other volunteers. We also carried out plogging activities to prevent the waste from reaching landfills.

This year, we are planning to make close to 200,000 paper bags. The main focus is on awareness: we are reaching out to temple authorities, requesting them to make announcements urging people to bring their own bags to temples and to the Parishe. While students and other volunteers are engaged in making paper and cloth bags, the onus is on every individual to start bringing their own bags. This simple act can help reduce a significant amount of waste. We are in touch with 12–15 NGOs, each of which is working throughout the week across schools and colleges to make paper bags and spread awareness about why Kadalekayi Parishe is celebrated and how to make these bags. They are also educating students to carry their own bags and teaching them how to make paper bags easily using newspapers if they don't have one from home."

Over 320 students from BMS Institute of Technology and Management (BMSIT) and BMS School of Architecture have already made around 10,000 paper bags as part of the initiative. So far, a total of around 26,000 bags have been made collectively by citizen groups and the educational institutions.

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Flood havoc

Hennur Road

The Hennur–Baglur to Horamavu Agara road, unrepaired since 2023, floods knee-deep during the monsoon, causing bike accidents and damaging hundreds of cars.

Jammed junction

Upparpet

Two-wheelers have encroached on the pedestrian zone right outside the Upparpet Traffic Police Station.

Pothole panic

Vivekanandanagar

Damaged roads and blocked drains continue to trouble residents of Ward 59, Maruti Sevanagar.

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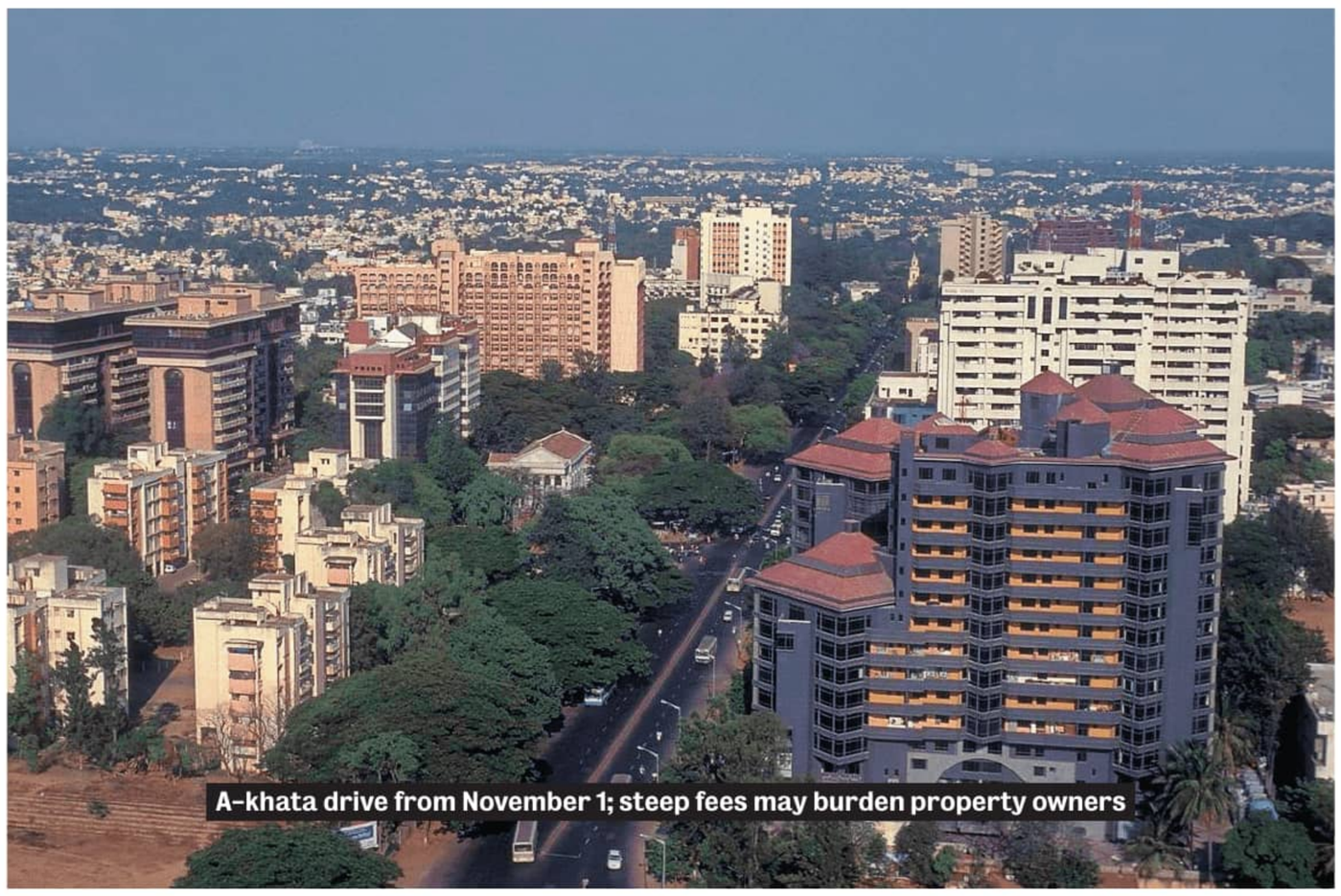
A-Khata conversion brings relief, yet expensive burden

B-Khata property owners welcome long-awaited regularisation move but worry over steep 5% conversion fee and additional charges increasing financial strain



A-khata drive from November 1; steep fees may burden property owners

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The Karnataka government has announced a major relief for property owners in B-khata layouts by granting them A-khata — a move welcomed by residents who had been waiting years to regularise their properties. Under this initiative, B-khata plots up to 21,527 sq ft adjoining public roads are eligible for A-khata conversion. However, the 5% fee based on the prescribed guideline rate, along with additional charges for land mutation and map approval, has left many property owners anxious about the financial burden.

According to an official, the fee for A-khata conversion is 5% of the guideline rate, which ranges from ₹2,000 per sq ft to ₹20,000 per sq ft depending on the area

Relief for residents, yet costly

Many low- and middle-income families purchased plots in these developed layouts to build homes, often taking loans to construct houses. While buildings already constructed on these B-khata plots will be eligible for A-khata conversion, the title applies only to the plot itself. Any unauthorised constructions on these plots remain illegal, and ongoing cases are under scrutiny in the Supreme Court.

Applications already rolling in

The government will launch the A-khata campaign on November 1. With around 7.5 lakh B-khata properties in the city, this move is significant, though the high conversion fee may require some residents to take additional loans to complete the process.

Constituency breakdown

Among the assembly constituencies, Rajarajeshwarinagar tops the list with 1,23,787 B-khata properties, followed by Bengaluru South and Anekal with 1,03,318 properties. Chickpet comes next with 84,673 properties, while Shivajinagar accounts for 78,957. Dasarahalli has 54,751 properties, and Byatarayanapura follows with 55,356. Bommanahalli hosts 48,756 properties, and Yeshwantpur records 40,427. Sarvagnanagar has 19,903 properties, while Yelahanka accounts for 18,815. Hebbal contains 5,024, CV Raman Nagar 5,788, BTM Layout 5,712, and Malleswaram 5,125. Pulakeshinagar has 7,552 properties, Vijay Nagar 3,054, and Padmanabhanagar 3,430. Mahalakshmi Layout includes 2,945 properties, Basavanagudi 1,841, Chamarajapet 1,831, Jayanagar 1,519, Rajajinagar 1,046, Gandhinagar 1,041, and KR Puram at the lower end has 738 properties, while Shantinagar rounds out the list with 1,312 properties.

Conversion costs

According to an official, the fee for A-khata conversion is 5% of the guideline rate, which ranges from ₹2,000 per sq ft to ₹20,000 per sq ft depending on the area. Residents will also need to pay for land mutation and map approval, potentially making the total cost substantial, especially for larger plots.

An activist said, "While the move formalises thousands of properties and helps curb unauthorised construction, residents who have already invested in building their homes may face additional financial strain to meet the high fees."

Government fast-tracks B'luru's second airport plan

Plan focuses on three shortlisted sites forty-five kilometres from city, preparing economic feasibility report and issuing tender soon to avoid delays

The Karnataka government has initiated preliminary preparations for the proposed second international airport for Bengaluru. The plan focuses on three shortlisted sites; each located about 45 km from the city. The state aims to prepare an economic feasibility report and issue a tender soon to avoid unnecessary delays.

The three shortlisted sites, selected by the Bangalore Development Authority from an initial list of seven, include the Kanakapura Road area between Kaggali and Bidadi, a site near Harohalli, and another along National Highway-75 between Nelamangala and Kunigal. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has conducted technical evaluations of these locations across 15 parameters, and the government is now working on a feasibility study to align with AAI's technical standards.

Officials from the Department of Infrastructure Development said the feasibility study will help the government move quickly once the AAI finalises a site. The preparatory work, which has been underway for over a year, includes passenger and cargo traffic projections and technical assessments. The project is seen as essential to meet future air traffic demands, especially since the existing Kempegowda International Airport cannot expand within a 150 km radius beyond 2035. An official said, "With Bengaluru's southern region witnessing rapid growth, the new airport is expected to handle up to three crore annual passengers efficiently and ease pressure on the current airport. The government is expediting the process so that once AAI confirms the site, construction can begin without delay." — BMB

Audit reveals massive BPL card misuse

The Department of Food and Civil Supplies has cancelled over 10 lakh ineligible BPL (Below Poverty Line) cards, converting many into APL (Above Poverty Line) cards and removing 4.8 lakh members from welfare rolls. The move follows a statewide audit revealing 7.76 lakh ineligible cards flagged by the Centre and 13.87 lakh by the state's family software system. Families whose cards were wrongly cancelled can apply within 45 days at their taluk office with documents for restoration. e-KYC Aadhaar linking has been made mandatory to curb fraudulent cards and ration leakage, but 6.16 lakh cards remain unlinked. Other ineligible cards include interstate holders (57,864), high-income households, landowners, company directors, and deceased members. Verification used income tax, PAN/Aadhaar, and family registration data to ensure only eligible households retain BPL benefits. — BMB

RO units go cashless, smarter operations

The BWSSB is upgrading 659 reverse osmosis (RO) water purification units with online monitoring software (OMN) to ensure smooth operation and timely maintenance. The ₹6.32 crore project will introduce digital payments and prepaid card systems, reducing cash handling. Sensors and IoT technology will track water flow, pressure, temperature, total dissolved solids (TDS), and residual chlorine in real-time, allowing operators to monitor performance via web or mobile applications, identify equipment issues, and perform timely maintenance to minimise downtime. Units are spread across divisions: Division 2-3 (270 units, ₹2.59 crore), Division 2-1 (126 units, ₹1.20 crore), Division 2-2 (97 units, ₹0.93 crore), and Division 1-1 (166 units, ₹1.59 crore). Revenue will be shared 60:40 between contractors and BWSSB, with pricing standardised at ₹10 for 20 litres. — BMB

Fill all potholes in 1 week: CM's ultimatum

CM Siddaramaiah on Tuesday directed officials to fill all potholes in Bengaluru within a week, following his earlier order last month that set October 31 as the deadline for repairs across the city's five corporation limits. He made the remarks while flagging off comprehensive road development projects. "I was speaking to officials, including Chief Commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority Maheshwar Rao and Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department Tushar Girinath. Within a week, potholes should be filled," Siddaramaiah said. He noted that rains caused delays this year but emphasised that white-topping work in various parts of the city would help reduce potholes, as such roads can last 25–30 years. Siddaramaiah further said Rs 8,000 crore has been allocated in the budget for development works in all MLAs' constituencies, covering urban, rural, and opposition MLAs. Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, overseeing Bengaluru development, said over 10,000 potholes have been filled so far. — PTI

56 percent quota sparks Supreme Court concern

The Supreme Court's recent reiteration of the 50% ceiling on caste-based reservations has placed Karnataka's 56% reservation policy under scrutiny, raising constitutional and political questions. Karnataka currently provides 32% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), 15% for Scheduled Castes (SCs), 3% for Scheduled Tribes (STs), and 6% for special categories, totalling 56%, exceeding the 50% limit set by the SC in the Indra Sawhney vs Union of India (1992) judgment, which allows exceptions only under extraordinary circumstances.

The apex court stresses that states must provide strong evidence of exceptional backwardness to exceed the 50% reservation ceiling. Karnataka's quota revisions aim to enhance representation, but the issue involves legal, social, and political sensitivities. Experts say the state may need to review data and rationale to comply with constitutional norms. — BMB

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Opium, ganja, and other drugs

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accompanied by 2,794 consumption cases. By 2024, the number of trafficking cases decreased by nearly 29.6% to 493, while consumption cases plummeted drastically by 99% to 27. However, the first seven months of 2025 indicate a worrying trend reversal, with 228 sale cases and 19 consumption cases already reported, marking a rise of approximately 53.8% in sales compared with the same period in 2024.

Bengaluru Rural district has also recorded a steady increase in narcotics-related offenses. In 2023, 78 trafficking cases and 143 consumption cases were registered. By 2024, trafficking cases declined to 31, a decrease of 60.2%, while consumption cases dropped slightly to 30, representing a 79% decline. However, the first half of 2025 signals a sharp surge, with 25 sale cases and 83 consumption cases, representing a 19% increase in trafficking and a striking 176% increase in consumption-related offenses compared to the same period in 2024.

Statewide Context and Overall Trends

When Bengaluru districts are viewed alongside statewide figures, the scale of the issue becomes clear. Karnataka as a whole recorded 1,778 cases of narcotic sale and 4,825 consumption cases in 2023.

In 2024, these numbers decreased to 1,331 sales (a 25% drop) and 2,701 consumption cases (a 44% decrease).

In 2025, up to July, the state has already seen 803 sale cases and 2,066 consumption cases, indicating that narcotic use and distribution remain persistent challenges.

Officials have emphasised the need for vigilance in both Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts. Inspections, intelligence-led operations, and strict enforcement under the NDPS Act are being intensified to curb the illegal sale and use of narcotics.

Authorities warn that while recent efforts have reduced certain offences, emerging patterns in 2025 underscore the continuing vulnerability of Bengaluru to drug-related crimes.

HC directs prisons to educate inmates on parole rules, uphold penalties for violations

The Karnataka High Court has directed prison authorities across the state to raise awareness among inmates about the consequences of violating parole conditions and the legal repercussions of failing to surrender after temporary release.

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum, while hearing a petition by a woman convicted under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, issued comprehensive guidelines to ensure better understanding and compliance with parole rules.

The court instructed the prison department, in coordination with the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), to prepare and publish a bilingual booklet in Kannada and English.

The handbook will explain the rights and duties of parolees, the conditions attached to temporary release, and the punishments that may follow if those conditions are breached. Copies are to be distributed to inmates and their families. The High Court emphasised that violating parole and failing to surrender within the stipulated time amounts to a separate offence, constituting indiscipline and breach of lawful custody. It ruled that the additional punishment imposed for such violations must be served after the completion of the convict's original sentence, and that the two terms cannot run concurrently.

To prevent confusion, the bench also directed that parole conditions must be clearly explained to inmates in a language they understand before release. Prison officials must obtain a written declaration confirming that the inmate has understood the terms and the consequences of non-compliance.

The case before the court involved a woman from Revuru village in Bagalkote district, who had been convicted under the POCSO Act. She was granted parole for one month starting March 9, 2022, later extended by another 30 days. However, she failed to surrender to Vijayapura prison by June 8, 2022.

A magistrate court subsequently sentenced her in August 2023 to an additional two years of imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 1,000 for violating parole conditions. The sessions court upheld the order, following which she approached the High Court.

Reaffirming the lower court's decision, the High Court underscored that parole is a conditional privilege, not an absolute right, and that adherence to its terms is essential for maintaining the integrity of the correctional system. **BMB**

Citizens write to Deputy CM about lake distress

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still stinks as sewage continues to enter it. Locals have also demanded immediate action to clear encroachments around the lake.

At Basavanapura Lake, residents say around Rs 6 crore has been spent, but the water remains highly polluted. They have urged authorities to fence the lake completely and prevent sewage inflow.

Balaji Raghotham, lake activist and resident of KR Puram, said, "Hoodi Lake and Ganga Shetty Lake face similar issues. Polluted water is entering these lakes through nearby drains, and the outlet of Ganga Shetty Lake has become a major entry point for contamination. Residents have requested the construction of a rainwater canal and the removal of encroachments around it. While Bhattarahalli Lake remains only partially developed, with no fencing on its northern and southern sides."

Benniganahalli Lake, although mostly developed, has its northern part left out due to confusion over ownership between the Railway Department and former civic body BBMP. Residents have asked for joint action to complete the development and clear the encroachments.

The letter also states the case of Vibhutipura Lake, which has become polluted again after development, while fencing work at Yella Mallappa Shetty Lake is only 70% complete.

Kaudenahalli Lake, developed nearly five years ago, continues to receive polluted water through the rajakaluve. During the rainy season, the inflow increases, causing clogging and foul smell. As for Vengayyana Lake, development work is underway, but complete encroachment clearance has not been done.

Residents said that many of them used to swim in these lakes earlier, but now even walking near the lakes has become difficult because of the bad condition and polluted stretches around them.

Raghottham said, "It is disappointing that even after spending crores of rupees, most lakes are still polluted and neglected. For many years we have been following up for the restoration and maintenance of lakes. Without stopping sewage inflow and clearing encroachments, development works make little difference. We need urgent and continuous efforts from BBMP to revive these lakes properly."

They also mentioned that several volunteers have been regularly helping in the upkeep of the lakes by organising cleanliness drives, planting saplings, and even watering the plants during summer. One of the residents shared, "Ganga Shetty Lake was once filled with encroachments, debris, and garbage waste. When the development work started, we were relieved, but now we don't see the work being completed. It's the same situation with many other lakes nearby, which is very disappointing."

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Sweet nothings

As survey shows 7 in 10 urban Indian households eat packed and traditional sweets at least thrice a month, we ask health experts how to stay healthy during festive indulgences

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During the festive season, sweets become an essential part of every meal, with consumption reaching its peak during Deepavali.

According to a recent survey by Local Circles, seven in 10 urban Indian households consume traditional sweets and packaged sweet foods such as chocolates, biscuits, and cakes at least three times a month.

Health experts advise people to celebrate and enjoy festive indulgence but also emphasise on the importance of moderation and making smarter food choices to maintain a healthy balance.

The survey received over 84,000 responses from consumers located in 303 districts of India. The survey showed that 79% urban Indian households consume cakes, biscuits, icecreams, shakes, chocolates, candies, three or more times a month; 11% consume them every day.

In comparison to the 2024 survey, the percentage of urban Indian households that consume sweet bakery and packaged products three or more times each month jumped by over 40% in the last 18 months. Over 43% urban Indian household consumers surveyed say majority members of their household are addicted to sugar or sugary products.

And 70% urban Indian household consumers surveyed say they are highly likely to switch over to 30% less sugar alternatives if quality traditional sweets or packaged foods chocolates, biscuits, cakes, ice creams) were made available. Over 43% household consumers say the majority are addicted to sugar and sugary products.

Dr. Manjunath Malige, director - Diabetes & Endocrinology, Sakra World Hospital, pointed out that during Deepavali, everyone indulges a little more than usual as sweets are everywhere and celebrations often revolve around food. But for people with diabetes, even a few days of extra sweets can throw their sugar levels off balance. "We often see patients coming in soon after Deepavali with higher readings. It's quite common during this time of year. The key isn't to avoid everything you love, but to be a little smarter about how you eat. Enjoy sweets in small portions, try to go for homemade or sugar-free versions, and if possible, use natural sweeteners like dates or stevia. And don't forget to stay active, even a short walk after meals can really help keep your sugar levels in check," he said.

Clinical dietitian and bariatric specialist Aishwarya Pandey said that during Deepavali, the intake of refined carbohydrates and saturated fats rises sharply with traditional sweets like laddoos, kaju katli, and gulab jamuns, often leading to spikes in blood sugar for people with diabetes. She suggested a few simple strategies to manage sugar levels. "Opt for low-glycemic ingredients like millets or almond flour, use natural sweeteners such as stevia or monk fruit extract, and enjoy sweets right after a balanced meal instead of on an empty stomach," she said.

She disclosed that after festivals, there's often a 15–25% increase in cases with uncontrolled blood sugar levels among known diabetic patients. "Excessive intake of high-sugar, high-fat sweets, binge eating of fatty food, irregular medication adherence during celebrations, reduced physical activity and altered meal timings are the reasons behind this. Even a short period of high sugar intake can raise HbA1c if it's repeated over several days, leading to fluctuations in glycemic control," said Pandey.

Even those without diabetes can experience metabolic stress from excess sugar and fat during the festive season. "After the festivities, returning to balanced meals rich in whole grains, fruits, vegetables, and legumes supports gut health and restores metabolic balance," added Pandey.

Smart sweet swaps

- Date, mixed seed & nut laddoos: Naturally sweetened with dates and packed with fiber, iron, and antioxidants — offering a lower glycemic impact than refined sugar.
- Kheer with stevia: Use plant-based stevia for sweetness to keep glucose levels stable.
- Dark chocolate (>70% cocoa): Rich in polyphenols that improve insulin sensitivity and heart health.
- Greek yogurt desserts: High in protein and probiotics, helping regulate post-meal blood sugar.
- Baked mithai versions: Choose baked over fried sweets to reduce trans fat and calorie intake.
- Portion mindfulness: Enjoy festive treats in small servings to balance taste and health.

—Aishwarya Pandey

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Helmetless rider's family loses ₹7.8 lakh in insurance compensation

HC holds rider 40% at fault for speeding and not wearing helmet, reduces payout accordingly

In a road accident case, the Karnataka High Court has reduced compensation by Rs 7.85 lakh (40 per cent) after concluding that the deceased biker's failure to wear a helmet contributed to his death. The total compensation, earlier fixed at Rs 19.64 lakh, has now been reduced to Rs 11.78 lakh with 6 per cent annual interest to be paid within six weeks.

The case pertains to Avinash (23) from Chikkandavadi village in Holalkere taluk, Chitradurga district, who died in a 2019 accident after his bike rammed into a trailer. The Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) had earlier awarded Rs 18.03 lakh to his family. Challenging this, the insurance company appealed to the High Court, which ruled that Avinash's negligence accounted for 40 per cent of the fault since he was speeding and not wearing a helmet, while the tractor driver was 60 per cent negligent. The court held that although the family was entitled to Rs 19.64 lakh based on income, dependency loss, and other factors, the amount must be reduced by 40 per cent due to the rider's failure to wear a helmet at the time of the accident.

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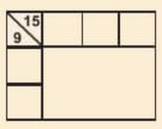

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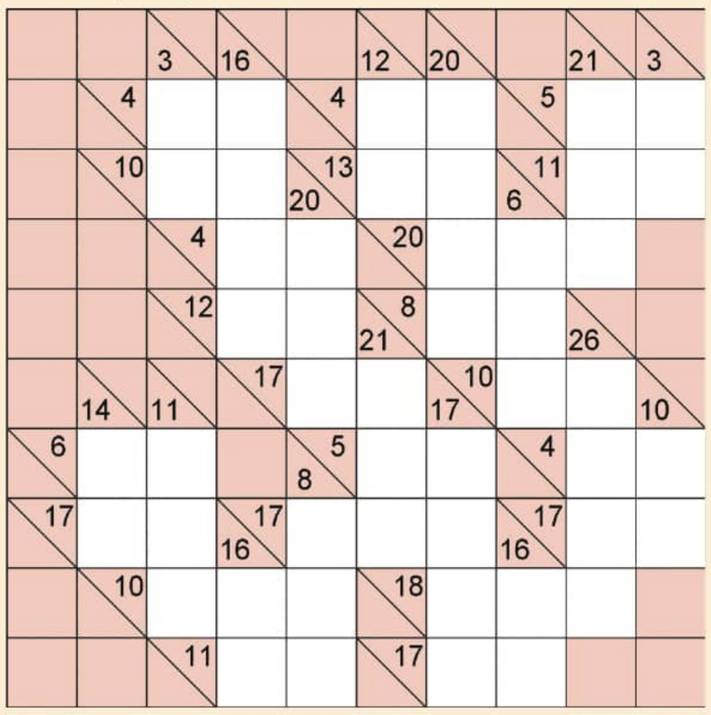

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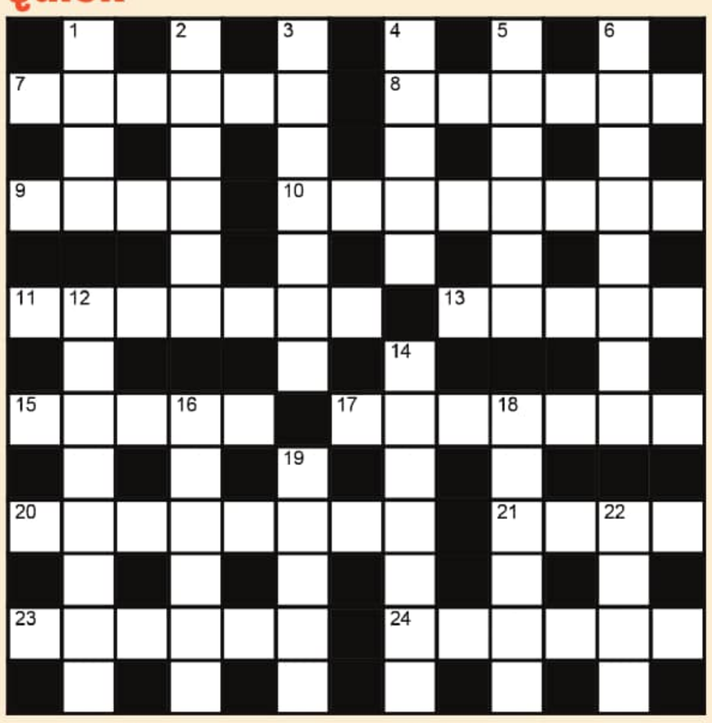


ACROSS

7 Don't be conspicuous at all? (3,3)
8 Utter foolishness (6)
9 Jazz singer Laine (4)
10 Racing track (8)
11 Drained, evacuated or drained out (7)
13 Twist together; plaited tress of hair (5)
15 Sun-dried brick (5)
17 Rubbish (7)
20 Seppuku (4-4)
21 Waterloo group (4)
23 Road (6)
24 Greedily (6)

DOWN

1 Simon of Simon & Garfunkel (4)
2 With maximum effort? (3,3)
3 Tornado (7)
4 Helper or assistant? (5)
5 Discoverer (6)
6 Bowing and ____ : being obsequiously polite? (8)
12 Wildly excited or confused: frantic haste? (3,5)
14 Hospital on Airport road (7)
16 Acts as a stimulant to (6)
18 South American country (6)
19 ___ percent : half (5)
22 Native of Latvia or Estonia (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS G

OU TK BIRZY IPM ULAAK NS-SLHOMZ OR BNAZORV NR DN YNTMDBORV, O SIR RMODBMP VOJM RNP PMSMOJM.

Linemaro

Allow me to rescue you from your crowd of admirers

Mind chow

The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people

Joke of the day

I lived in a house that ran on static electricity... if you wanted to run the blender, you had to rub balloons on your head; if you wanted to cook, you had to pull off a sweater real quick

Loop

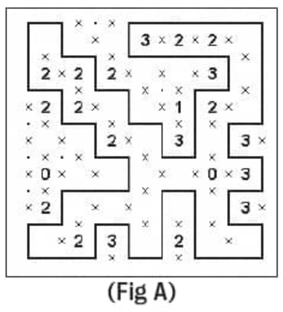
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

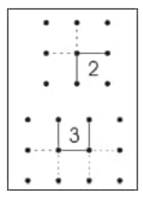
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

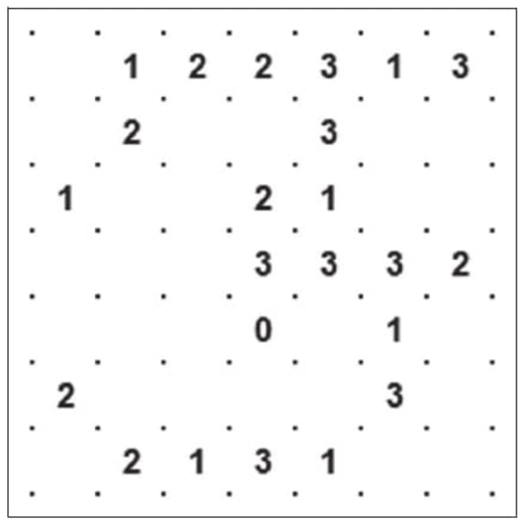
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



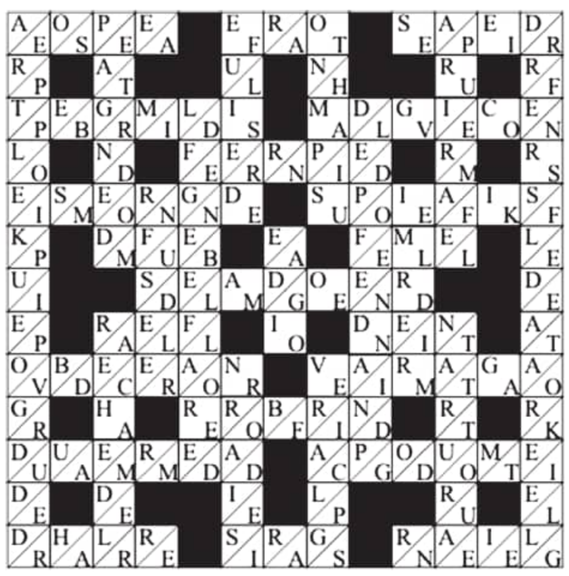
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



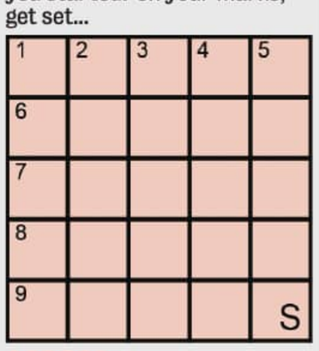
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

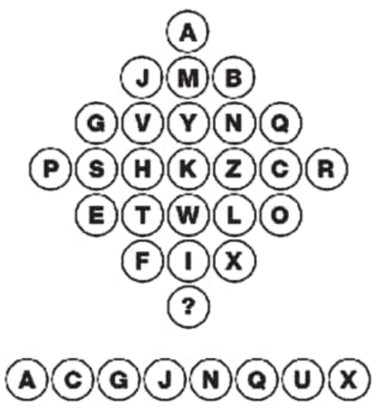
1 Pears; 6 Pacer; 7 Panes; 8 Ever a; 9 Slope

DOWN

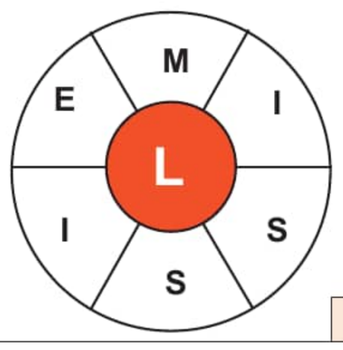
1 Scrap; 2 Aesop; 3 Papal; 4 Re Vee; 5 Sneer

Mensapuzzle

Which of the lower letters replace the question mark to complete this puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8	5		1		7		9	3
		3				1		
			3		9			
1				2				8
2	4		7		3		6	5
3				8				2
			8		1			
		7				4		
9	1		5		4		2	7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 4

2 6 8 8

Medium = 11

4 7 9 9

Hard = 2

1 2 7 9

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

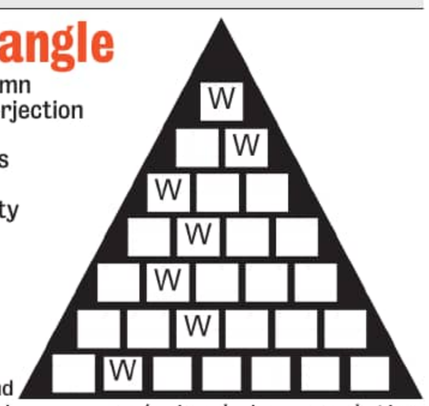
Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Finger is moved. 3. Car is smaller. 4. Mouth is open. 5. Purse is smaller. 6. Man's shoulders are wider.

Riddler

A man was killed on Sunday morning. His wife found the body and called the police. The police arrived and questioned the chef, maid, butler, and gardener. Their alibis were: Chef – making breakfast Maid – getting mail Butler – setting table Gardener – watering plants The police immediately arrested the criminal. Who was it and how did they know?

Alpha triangle

1 Final part of column
2 Sympathetic interjection
3 Whitish
4 Plant appendages
5 Rustic lover
6 Carpentry activity
7 Persuading

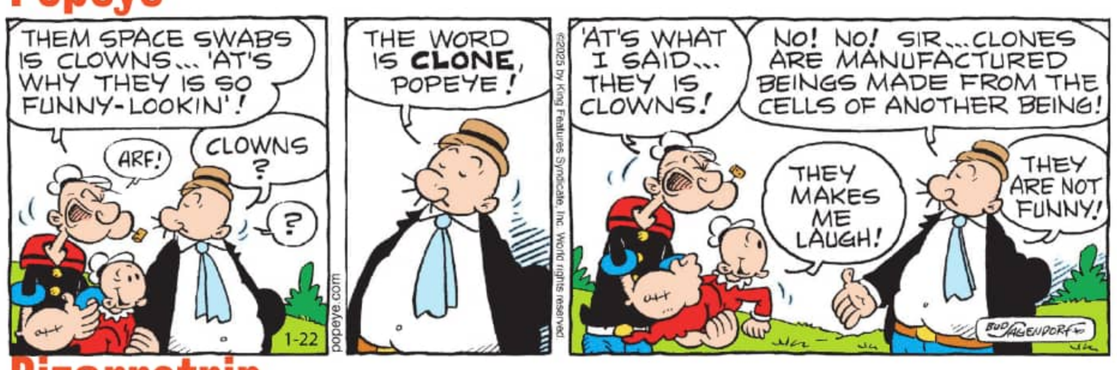


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye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CLOWNS ?
?
1-22
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'AT'S WHAT I SAID... THEY IS CLOWNS!
NO! NO! SIR...CLONES ARE MANUFACTURED BEINGS MADE FROM THE CELLS OF ANOTHER BEING!
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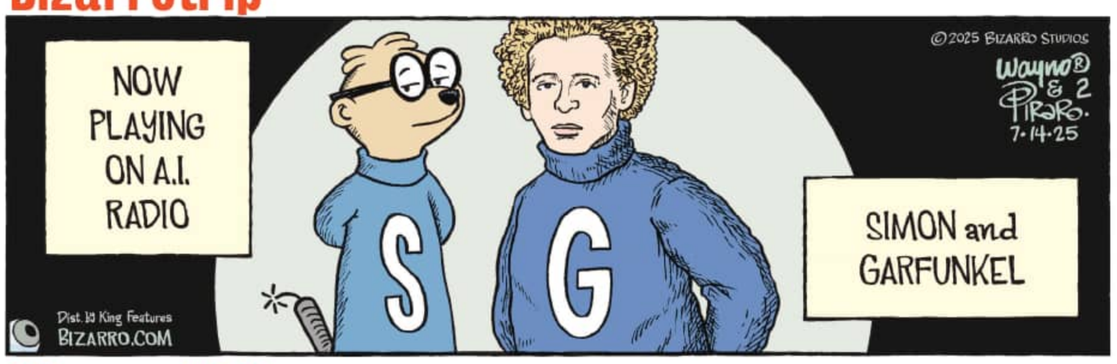
THEY ARE NOT FUNNY!
BUD ALBENDORF

Bizarrotrip



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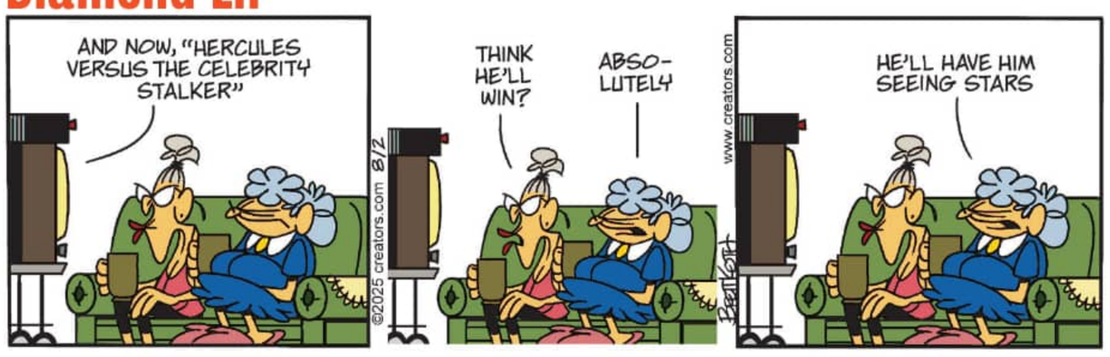

Hart of the city

ARE YOU GOING TO THEATER CAMP THIS SUMMER? WE SHOULD SHARE A CABIN AGAIN!
NOT THIS TIME.
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DEAN AND I ARE TAKING SWIM LESSONS.
I'M GONNA BE ALL ALONE?!
ISN'T DANA GOING? AREN'T YOU FRIENDS NOW?
I GUESS.
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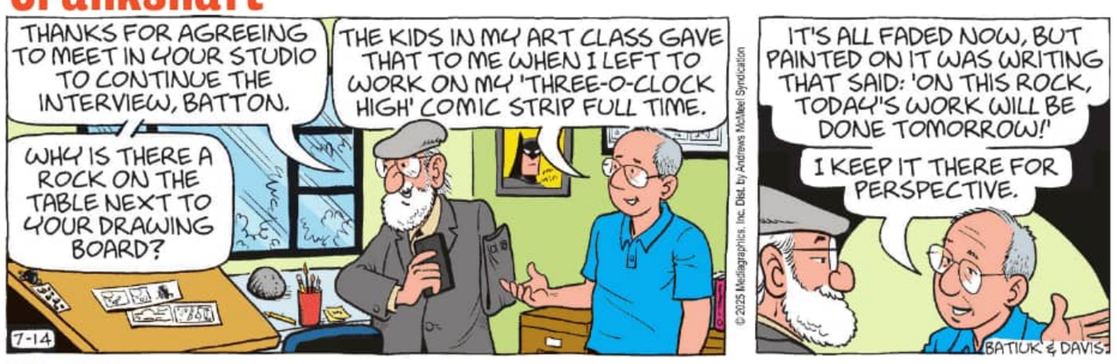
I SHOULD CHECK IN ON THAT.

Crankshaft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THE KIDS IN MY ART CLASS GAVE THAT TO ME WHEN I LEFT TO WORK ON MY 'THREE-O-CLOCK HIGH' COMIC STRIP FULL TIME.
WHY IS THERE A ROCK ON THE TABLE NEXT TO YOUR DRAWING BOARD?
7-14
IT'S ALL FADED NOW, BUT PAINTED ON IT WAS WRITING THAT SAID: 'ON THIS ROCK, TODAY'S WORK WILL BE DONE TOMORROW!'
I KEEP IT THERE FOR PERSPECTIVE.
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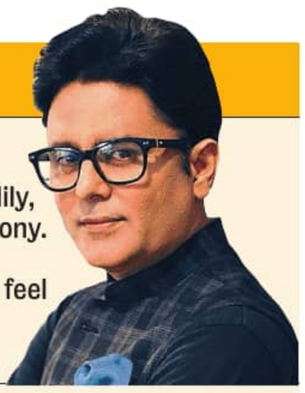

If it's your birthday today

Balance, patience, and wisdom guide your year. Career progress arrives steadily, rewarding thoughtful choices. Relationships thrive through honesty and harmony. Finances grow as you apply discipline and careful planning. Creative outlets provide joy and release. Health benefits from consistency. By year's end, you'll feel grounded, grateful, and inspired.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Business may face small challenges, while domestic quarrels demand attention. Resolve calmly despite limited time. Avoid money discussions at home, focusing instead on harmony and patience.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Slow your pace and embrace rest today. Learn to seek support from others gracefully. Couples may find a new home. Creative blocks ease later. A past love could resurface, requiring thoughtful choices.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Family expenses rise today, yet bring happiness. Work feels demanding, with colleagues misunderstanding your ideas. Children radiate joy, while parents' health improves.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Responsibilities pile up, leaving you hurried—drive carefully. Financial matters resolve positively, easing stress. Guard against minor ailments like colds by resting indoors. Selfcare keeps energy balanced, allowing smoother progress.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Creative energy fuels your work, attracting new contracts and valuable connections. Influential people boost your reputation socially. Students should avoid speculative distractions, focusing instead on steady progress.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Overworking may cause mental fatigue, so pace yourself wisely. Minor money disagreements with your partner ease through patience. Investment gains brighten spirits at home.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Meditation brings calm in stressful moments. Career growth is favoured with determination. Singles may meet someone special, sparking deep conversations. Students excel with focus.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Postpone travel plans, even for work. Bonding time with siblings strengthens relationships deeply. Lovers prepare for romantic moments together, while singles should avoid apps.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Energy feels low, but family time restores joy. Investments, especially stocks, look promising today. Postpone starting a business for later. Balance between rest, finances, and family connections brings calm and strength.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Confidence and energy shine, drawing your boss's attention—promotion opportunities may approach. Home redecorating adds freshness. A small gathering expands both social and business networks.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Minimal effort brings excellent results today. A surprising romantic attraction stirs feelings. Couples may face brief challenges, soon easing. Job seekers find ideal opportunities. Financial gains also appear, brightening both your mood and outlook.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Distractions may hinder focus, so take a day off for family relaxation. Singles notice someone vying for their attention. Parents of older children enjoy deeper bonding, creating cherished, lasting moments of closeness.

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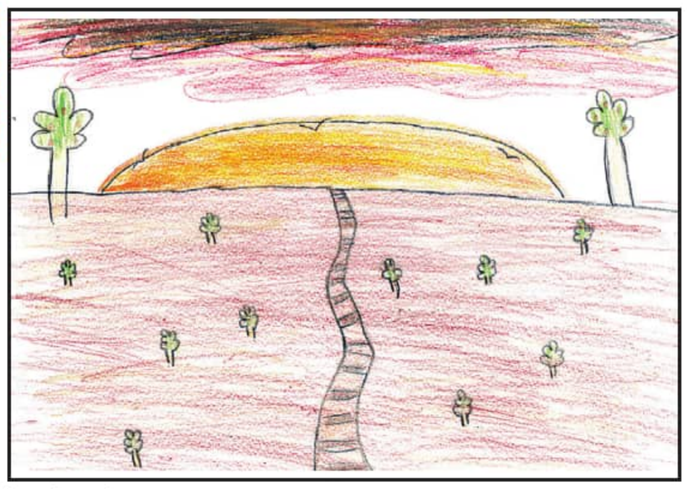

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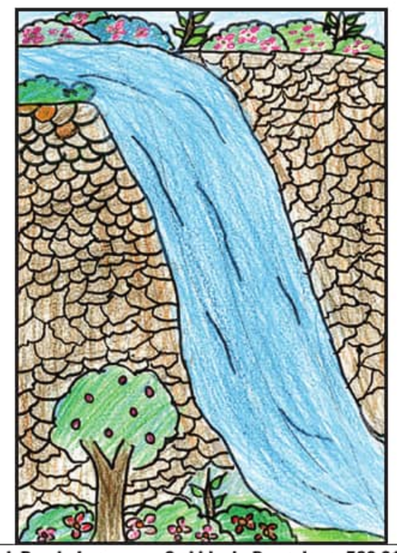

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

16 - 1 - 2 = 16 - 5 = 11

BULL'S EYE

isle, less, lime, mile, MISSILE, simile, slim, slime, smile

STRIKE OUT

A	S	E	A		F	A	T		S	P	E	D
L		N		E	E	R	I	E		M		S
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FAST FIVE

S	P	A	R	E
C	A	P	E	R
A	S	P	E	N
R	E	A	V	E
P	O	L	E	S

QUOTE UNCODE

If my hands are fully occupied in holding on to something, I can neither give nor receive.

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE

U. Starting at the top and working in diagonal lines from top right to bottom left, letters alternately increase in value by 9, then decrease by 3.

RIDDLER

The mail. Mail isn't delivered on Sunday.

SUDOKU

9	1	6	5	3	4	8	2	7
5	8	7	6	9	2	4	3	1
4	3	2	8	7	1	6	5	9
3	6	9	4	8	5	7	1	2
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1	7	5	9	2	6	3	4	8
7	2	1	3	4	9	5	8	6
6	9	3	2	5	8	1	7	4
8	5	4	1	6	7	2	9	3

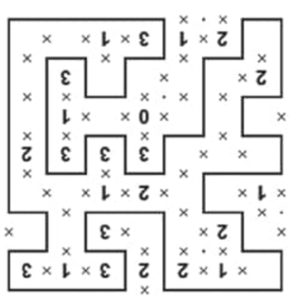
ALPHA TRIANGLE

W, AW, WAN, AWNS, SWAIN, SAWING, SWAYING.

GO FIGURE

Easy
6 - 2 + 8 - 8 = 4
Medium
4 + 9 - 9 + 7 = 11
Hard
9 - 2 / 7 + 1 = 2

LOOP



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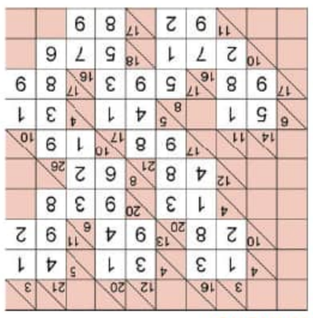

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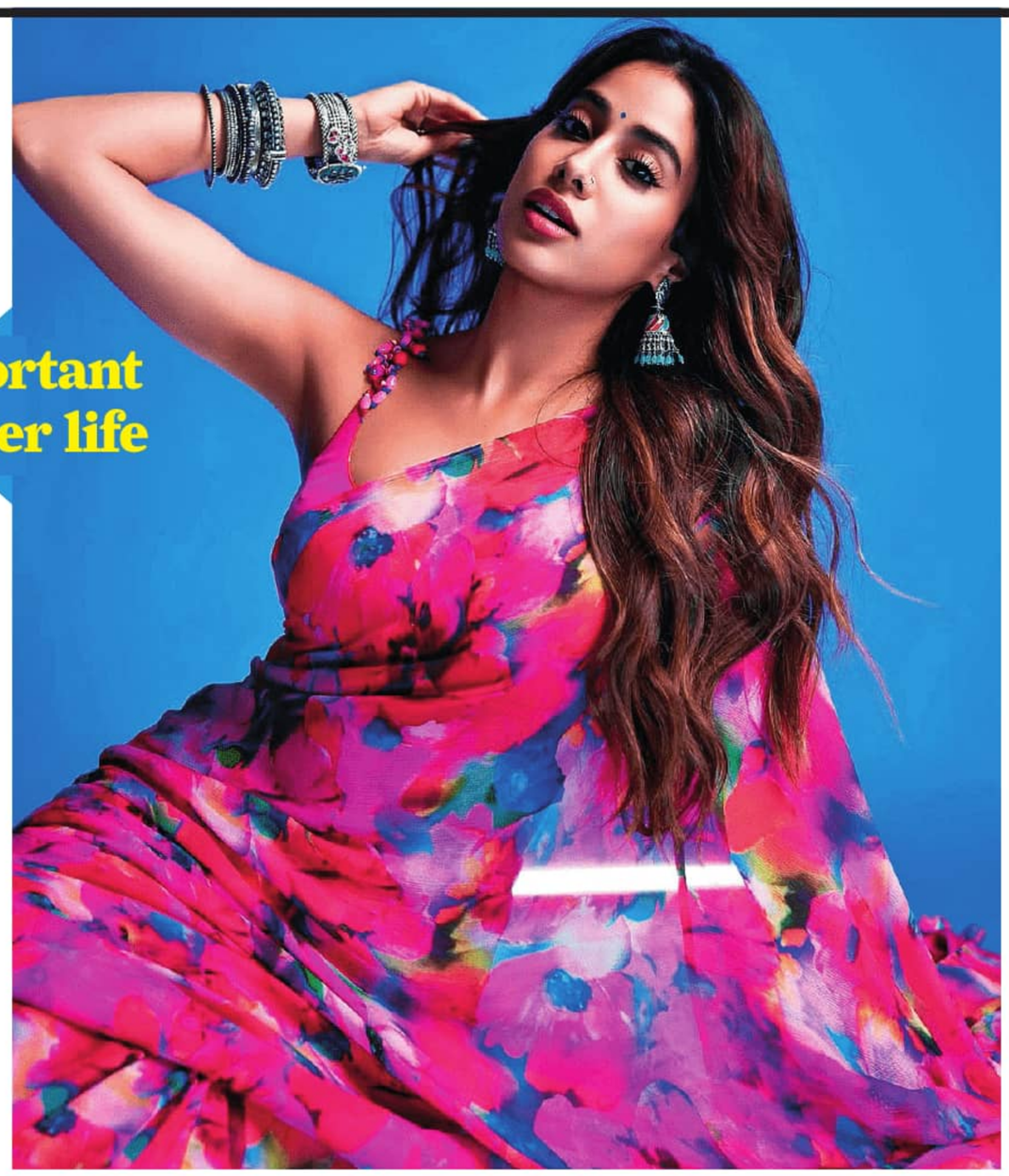
Dear friend — Actress Ana de Armas considers Tom Cruise, with whom she has been linked, a "dear friend and mentor". A source told people.com: "She's single and has been for a while. She stays in touch with Tom; they have an upcoming movie project"

Touch of tradition

Janhvi talks about how important family rituals have been in her life



Janhvi Kapoor stepped into Bollywood with 'Dhadak' in 2018. She went on to work in many films like 'Gunjan Saxena', 'Bawaal', 'Roohi' and more, impressing audiences with her performances, charm, and style. Daughter of legendary actress Sridevi and filmmaker Boney Kapoor, Janhvi has carved her own space in the industry.

Despite her growing success, she often misses her mother, and legendary late actress Sridevi, and fondly recalls the moments that they have shared together.

In a past chat with the Hindustan Times, Janhvi recalled celebrating Diwali with her mother. Kapoor spoke about how family traditions have always been an important part of her life. Kapoor said, "I have grown up in a household where traditions have been a big part of our family and my childhood. My mom always enjoyed decorating the house on this day. She has always been a very religious person. I guess my investment in all of these traditions makes me feel closer to mom. We would have a Diwali pooja, and on Ganesh Chaturthi we would always meet as a family, Karwa Chauth too is a big one. I guess our Indian heritage, traditions and culture have always been a big part of our life." —ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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With Sudeep's support

The trailer of Flirt was unveiled on Sunday at Mall of Asia with Kichcha Sudeep as the chief guest at the event. Chandan Kumar debuts as a director in Sandalwood in this film, apart from playing the lead.

"I was nervous about my debut. Chandan Kumar is like family so I support him in all his endeavours. I was happy when he told me that he wanted to become a director. I have already watched Flirt and can say that it has turned out well. This movie's script has depth. I wish all the best to the cast and crew of this movie," said Sudeep.

The movie is being bankrolled by Chandan Kumar under the Everest Pictures banner. It has a tagline – A Pure Davvu Story. Nimika Ratnakar and Akshatha Bopanna are the female leads in the movie which is scheduled to arrive in theaters on November 7.

Thanking Sudeep for his unwavering support, Chandan said, "Flirt is a romcom, but it tackles themes of friendship and love. My brother-in-law supported me financially," he said.

12-hour singing feat

Playback singer-cum-music director Manasa Holla has created a record with Maanasa Gaana Janaki Dhyaana, a tribute event dedicated to legendary playback singer S Janaki aka Janaki Amma.

The programme was held at Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte in the city on Sunday.

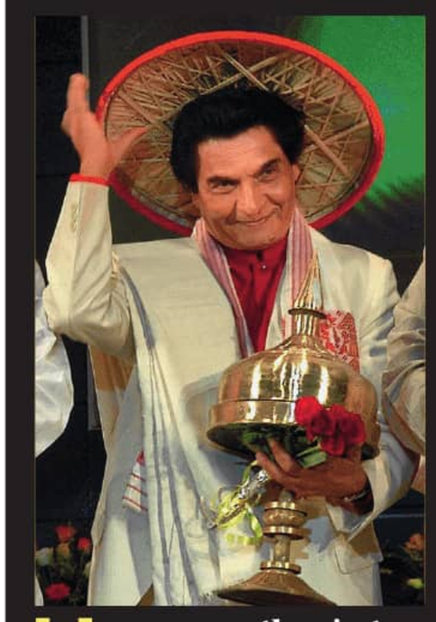
The programme began at 9.30 am and concluded at 10.30 pm. Twenty-five musicians and well-known playback singers participated in the programme. More than 80 popular songs, rendered by S Janaki, were sung during the programme.

"I had an ambition of organising a programme to pay tribute to a legendary playback singer for quite a long time. I am happy to realise my dream by curating and presenting a tribute to my favourite singer. The programme, organised in three slots, was a huge success," said Holla.

Holla, who has composed music for 10 Kannada movies and rendered hundreds of movie songs, said that she has been a fan of S Janaki since childhood. "My mother, a vocalist, used to encourage me to sing songs by S Janaki during my childhood," she said.

Asrani: Jan 1, 1941 - October 20, 2025

Artiste who embodied everyman



He was more than just the comedian, a staple brought into the plot to invoke laughs. Govardhan Kumar Asrani was also the quiet character actor who was so much a part of the middle of the road movies that now epitomise a golden era in Hindi cinema.

Asrani, who died on Diwali afternoon and was cremated quietly on Monday evening without any fanfare as the country celebrated the festival of lights, was 84.

He will always be remembered as the jailor from "Sholay" whose loud, exaggerated persona evoked laughter and whose dialogue "Hum Angrezon ke zamane ke jailor hain" is quoted almost as if on loop 50 years later.

That same year came Basu Chatterjee's "Chhoti Si Baat" in which Asrani played the smooth talking Nagesh trying to stymie the hero Amol Palekar's chances with Vidya Sinha, and the supportive brother in Gulzar's "Khushboo". Quite incredibly, 1975 was also the year he went against the grain to play a negative role in Hrishikesh Mukherjee's "Chaitali".

It was an incredible, if now forgotten, career arc.

Asrani acted in more than 300 films over six decades. It was a lifetime of making movies, many roles forgettable and many that will stay on.

Asrani was also famously Chander from "Abhimaan" (1973), the friend who helps the conflicted singer hero work through his ego battles. The Amitabh Bachchan-Jaya Bachchan starrer was a personal favourite, one that his mentor Mukherjee convinced him to play.

In a sense, Mukherjee groomed him into being a character artiste who represented a certain kind of cinematic sensibility. Amongst the others who gave him a platform to shine were Gulzar and Basu Chatterjee.

Gulzar tried to explore Asrani's range as an artist, casting him in "Mere Apne", "Parichay", "Koshish" and "Achanak". —PTI

Raha makes colourful cameo

Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt, who will be next headlining the upcoming spy-action film 'Jigra', has shared glimpses from her Diwali celebrations.

On Tuesday, the actress took to her Instagram, and dropped a series of pictures featuring her with her husband, Bollywood superstar Ranbir Kapoor, her family and friends.

The actress was dressed in traditional wear of pink and green colours in pastel shades. The pictures also showed her daughter, Raha Kapoor using water colours for her drawings. The actress wrote in the caption, "Dilwaali Diwali. Happy Diwali to you and yours".

Earlier, the actress celebrated the auspicious festival of Dhanteras with mother-in-law Neetu Kapoor and her in-laws.

Neetu Kapoor took to the Stories section of her Instagram account and dropped a picture, giving an insight into the Kapoor pre-Diwali festivities. Alia looked absolutely gorgeous in a shimmery golden saree with a matching blouse. The 'Gangubai Kothewali' actress completed her ethnic look with a complementary choker and a matching mangteeka. —ETimes

Heartfelt birthday wishes

Actress Keerthy Suresh, who was flooded with birthday greetings and wishes from friends, family members and fans on her birthday which she celebrated recently, has now penned a note of gratitude, thanking everyone who had greeted her on the occasion.

Taking to her X timeline, the actress shared a handwritten note of gratitude. In the note, Keerthy Suresh said, "Thank you all for the lovely birthday wishes. Your warmth and love truly mean the world to me! Every message, every post, artwork, edit and poster, I've seen them all, and they've made me feel so, so, so special. Wishing you and your family all the love, light and prosperity this Diwali, Happy Diwali! With immense gratitude, Keerthy Suresh."

On the work front, Keerthy Suresh has a number of interesting projects lined up including 'Revolver Rita', an untitled film with Vijay Deverakonda. —IANS